

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Special session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Annette Iafallo presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Annette Iafallo.

Meeting called to order

NB: Meeting being recorded

Roll Call: Council: Present: Ingram, Schultz, Surdyke, Iafallo

Dept. Heads: Present: Comptroller

Communications from the Mayor:

NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant

1. To: City Council

I am requesting City Council approval via resolution to apply for a \$10,000,000 grant from New York State for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. All paperwork must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2019.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

MAYOR GEOFFREY M. SZYMANSKI

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Surdyke to receive and file, act on resolution

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Surdyke, Iafallo

Carried 4-0

1. (A) RESOLUTION #11, 2019

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR New York STATE'S
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the city of Lackawanna has had a need for an additional community center that can be used by all segments of our population for many different purposes, and

WHEREAS, the city of Lackawanna has just recently purchased a property to be utilized as a new administrative city hall and has a sizable lot to allow an addition to be added for such a purpose as a community center or youth center, and

WHEREAS, the current building utilize as city hall has been identified to have numerous structural, environmental, and energy efficient challenges that would warrant demolishing the building, and

WHEREAS, the building that is currently housing the city courts and police department will need to be retrofitted for sustainable use, and

WHEREAS, with the orange annex of city hall demolished, this will lead to altered plans to allow better parking for customers to support our central business district businesses, and

WHEREAS, New York State is once again offering the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant to pursue \$10,000,000 in a competitive process for such opportunities to enhance communities, and

WHEREAS, the DRI funding will allow the city of Lackawanna to remain financially vibrant while pursuing these very important initiative for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the city of Lackawanna is interested in pursuing the Downtown Revitalization Initiative for renovating the city's future city hall and community center, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the city of Lackawanna will host numerous public engagement meetings seeking input from the residents of the city of Lackawanna, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the city council of the city of Lackawanna does hereby authorize Mayor Geoffrey M. Szymanski to sign, submit, and execute the applications, forms, and contracts to all parties necessary with New York State.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Moved by lafallo seconded by Surdyke to adopt resolution as written
Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Surdyke, lafallo

Carried 4-0

Adjournment:

Moved by lafallo seconded by Ingram meeting adjourned
Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Surdyke, lafallo

Carried 4-0

Annette lafallo-Council President

Jeffrey P. DePasquale- City Clerk